

There are a lot of options available for Initial Teacher Training out there so, when deciding which to take, I was attracted to Schools Direct salaried route at West Hatch High School because of the School's success at getting excellent results in the borough. I'm glad to say that this has proven to be an excellent choice.

The support West Hatch provided, has made a potentially difficult start to teaching much easier, as well as helping me to continue to develop my teaching style. A detailed wider CPD programme has also concentrated on a range of topics such as, promoting literacy in lessons, providing practical resources that can be easily applied in a classroom setting.

Most important however has been the assistance I have received through an excellent mentoring programme and an amazing cohort of fellow teaching staff and trainees.

Despite being thrown into the deep end of the teaching on the first day of school, West Hatch has provided an immense support and training to survive during my training year. The school is full of professionals who has provided guidance, support and help whenever I needed them.

West Hatch has helped me greatly through its emphasis on personalised mentoring, its rigorous CPD programme and through the relationships with other trainees and full time staff which are encouraged and developed by all participants in the training pathway.

The experience has been incredibly fruitful and intellectually stimulating.

The School Direct route has made me feel like a member of staff in the school rather than a student teacher. I feel truly integrated in the working of the school and my department. The amount I have learned just from being based in the school from the very start of term is amazing.

Continuing my teaching career in the same school I have trained with, is an icing on the cake. I started my NQT year, but I feel like I am an experienced member of staff. I have developed excellent relationships with my students and staff which is of a great value while teaching.

It's been fantastic to get to know trainees, teachers and mentors--and, of course, the students.

I am really looking forward to continuing at West Hatch into my NQT year!